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Committee on New and Renewable Sources of Energy and on Energy for Development

Note by the Secretary-General

1. In its decision 1992/218 of 30 April 1992, the Economic and Social Council, recalling General Assembly resolution 46/235 of 13 April 1992 on the restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields, decided to establish a Committee on New and Renewable Sources of Energy and on Energy for Development, which was to comprise government-nominated experts from different Member States possessing the necessary qualifications and professional or scientific knowledge.

2. In accordance with the same decision, the Council held elections for the membership of the new Committee, at its substantive session of 1992, as an exceptional measure (see Council decision 1992/268). The Council also decided that for the initial period, the terms of office would be staggered, by drawing lots, once the membership was completed.

3. At the present session, the Council will elect 24 members for a term beginning on 1 January 1997. Upon completion of the membership, lots will be drawn to determine which 12 members will serve for two years and which 12 members will serve for four years.

4. The members will be elected in accordance with the following regional allocation of seats:

(a) Six seats for African States;

(b) Five seats for Asian States;

(c) Three seats for Eastern European States;

(d) Four seats for Latin American and Caribbean States;

(e) Six seats for Western European and other States.

5. In addition, the Council is to elect three members from African States for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1996. These elections were postponed from a previous session.

6. The Secretariat has received a communication from the Government of China nominating Zhang Guocheng for re-election to the Committee to fill one of the five vacant seats for Asian States. Biographical information is set out below.

ZHANG Guocheng (China). Director, Senior Engineer, Energy Division, Department of Industry, State Science and Technology Commission. Mainly involved in the planning and management of projects on energy and new and renewable sources of energy development in China. Has also worked on projects on energy and new and renewable sources of energy development in other developing countries. Has published several papers and books on energy.